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Proclamation No. 20-_____ EMS Week Proclamation

To designate the Week of May 17-23, 2020, as Emergency Medical Services Week Ready Today. Preparing for Tomorrow.

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up-care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; now

THEREFORE, I, Ron Gunter, Mayor, Westmont, Illinois, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 17-23, 2020, as "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK"

This year's EMS Week theme is Ready Today. Preparing for Tomorrow. This theme, which was developed some time ago, is particularly meaningful as we see the EMS community rallying today to support the COVID-19 crisis, while still responding to the everyday emergencies that are happening in our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Westmont, DuPage

County, Illinois, this 7th day of May, 2020.	
Ayes: Nays:	Absent:
APPROVE:	ATTEST:
Ronald J. Gunter Mayor	Virginia Szymski Village Clerk